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**Important Information**

**This mailing constitutes only part of your learning materials.** The rest can be found on the A363 module website, which will open on or around 12 September 2018. You can access the site online from your StudentHome page. We strongly recommend you locate and read the following items:

1. **Study Planner:** this shows important dates that you should make a note of now.
2. **Assessment Resources:** this includes your assessment tasks.
3. **Forums:** to contact your tutor and fellow students (the Café Forum opens 29 September 2018).
4. **News:** latest information released since this letter was printed.

Dear Student

Welcome to A363 *Advanced creative writing*. This module will help develop your individual writing style by looking at how elements such as genre, research and rhetoric can influence your approach, and by exploring how your fiction, poetry and life writing might benefit from the scriptwriting techniques used for stage, radio and film.

We recommend you begin by reading the Study Guide, and in particular the first section of that guide – ‘Course information’. This will direct you to the various resources that are available to you during your study and includes a week-by-week guide to the module.

Note that the Study Guide refers to an ‘Assessment Booklet’ and ‘Online Applications CD-Rom’, both of which are no longer provided. The information you need can now be found on the A363 website and in the printed Assessment Guide; you will need to refer to both throughout the module. The A363 website in particular will be central to your study: it provides links to a wide variety of resources. As well as the assessment tasks and your Study Planner, you will find a link to the OU library, where you will be able to access a wide range of excellent resources.

The website also gives you access to your online forums, where you can make contact with other A363 students. The Café Forum will open on 29 September and your own Tutor Group Forum will open on 6 October. Please do pop into your Tutor Group Forum early on to say hello (you will be contacted separately with details of your personal tutor and your tutorial programme).

Finally, we would like to wish you every success with your studies and writing.

Yours Sincerely,

**The A363 Module Team**





## Contents Checklist

### A363: Advanced creative writing (2018J)

#### Mailing 1S: Student only

This mailing should contain the following items:

Item	Code	Quantity
Creative Writing Handbook	ISBN9781408109410	1
A363 Assessment Guide	SUP065037	1
Study Guide	SUP000824	1
Welcome Letter October 2018	SUP057571	1
CDA/DVD Pack	A363XP1-1	1

The following items will be available online when the module website opens: Assessment information (including Tutor Marked Assignments and End of Module Assignment), and Study Planner.

If any of the contents are missing or faulty, please contact the distribution department by going to Student Home – [www.open.ac.uk/students](http://www.open.ac.uk/students). Use the "Student Support Team" link, then the contact form available there.

You can also find information on your module mailing dates in Student Home.

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